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November 8, 2026
FEAST & CELEBRATION

" All are accepted and affirmed just as we are, with all our differences and gifts – unique children of God. No matter your race, ethnicity, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental abilities, social or economic status, we have a place for you. We commit ourselves to embracing the work of anti-racism, anti-homophobia, social & economic justice, and environmental care. As part of the whole complex, colorful spectrum of God's creation in all its diversity we are all one in Christ!"

Land Acknowledgement Statement
As we gather in this place, we acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Seneca Nation (Onödowá'ga:'). We remember that we also share this land with other parts of God's good creation: plants, birds, and animals. May we be good stewards and good neighbors.

Scan for online giving.



Please let the lighting of the altar candles signal our time to quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE ***Intermezzo*** Erie Thiman

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(KNEEL AS ABLE)*
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.
Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN** ***Come, We That Love the Lord #625

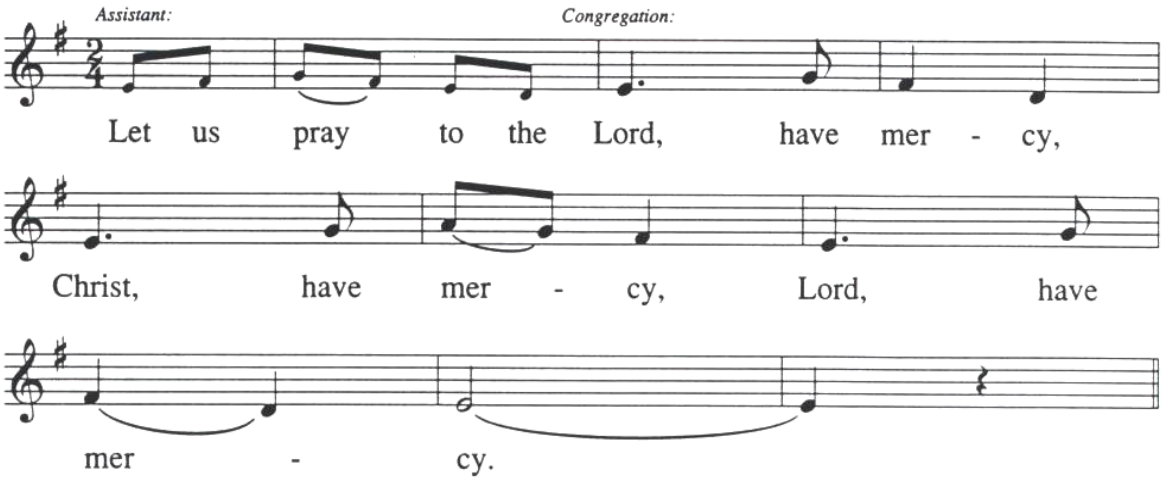
***GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.
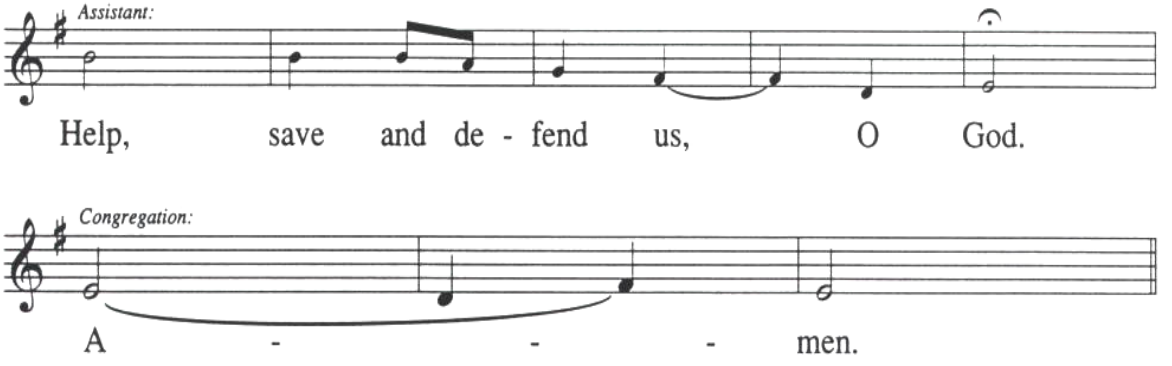
***KYRIE**

A: In peace, in peace,
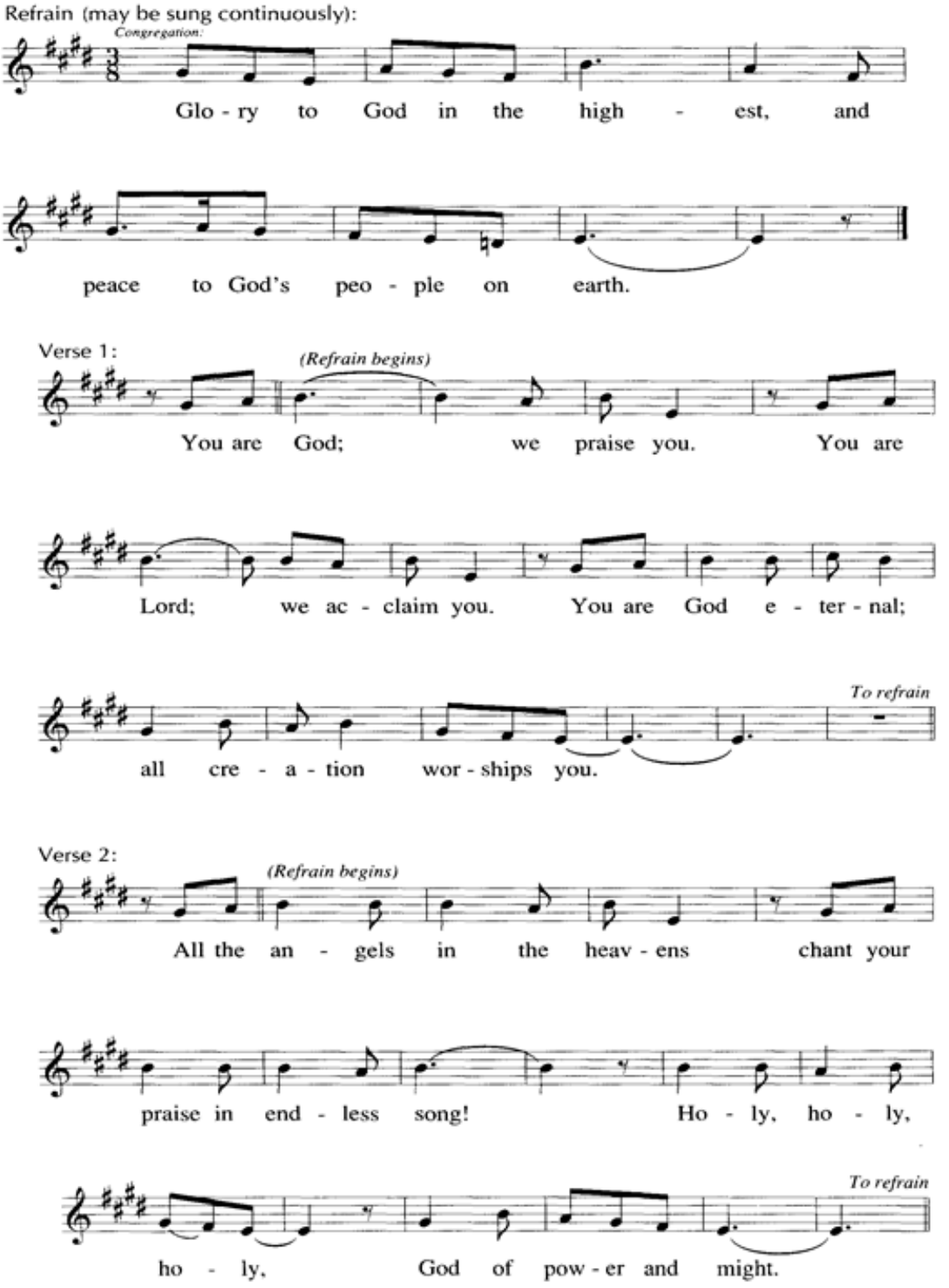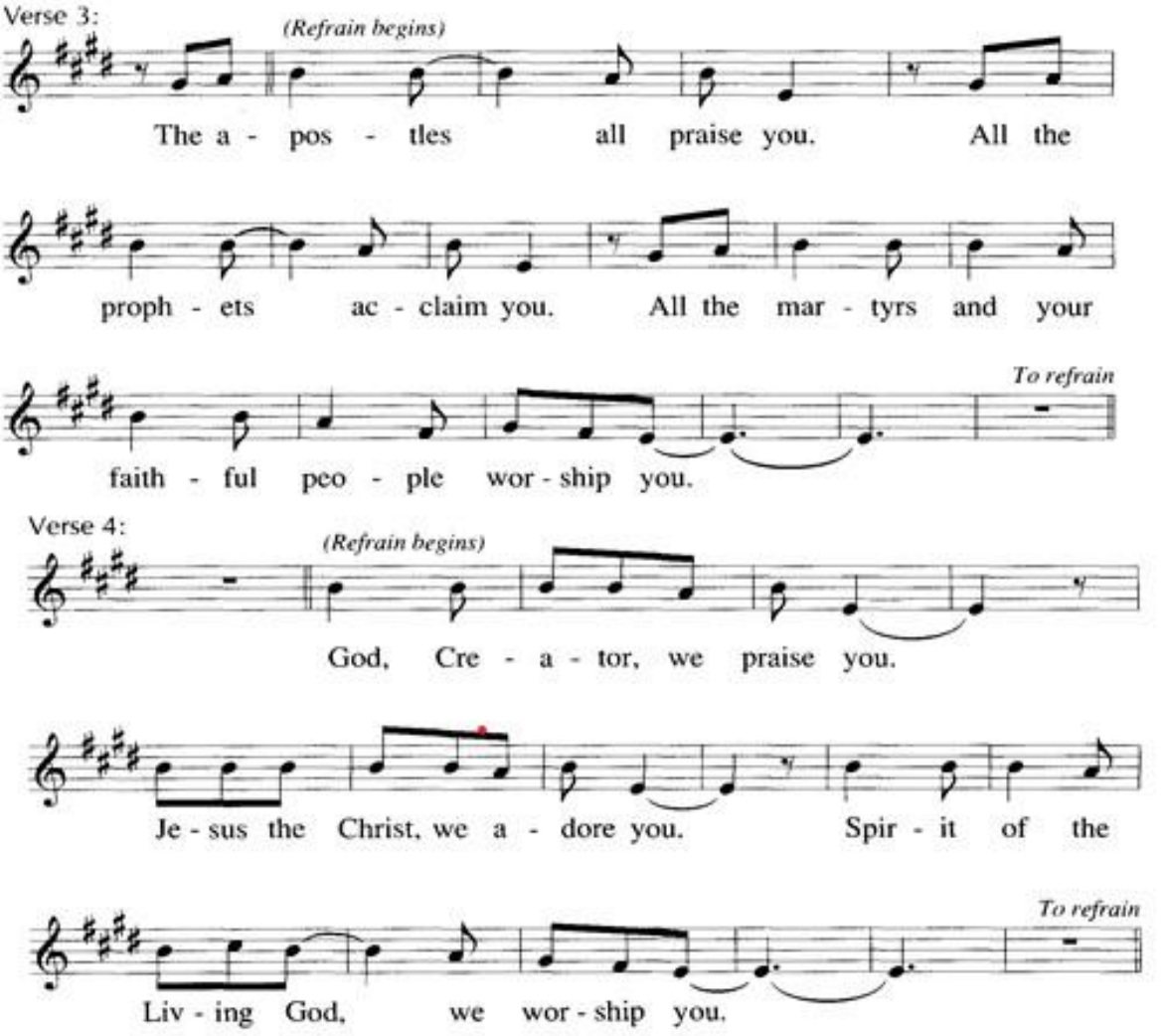


A: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all…(Refrain)

A: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word…(Refrain)



GLORY TO GOD


Refrain (may be sung continuously):
Congregation:
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
Verse 1:
(Refrain begins)
You are God; we praise you. You are
Lord; we ac - claim you. You are God e - ter - nal;
To refrain
all cre - a - tion wor - ships you.
Verse 2:
(Refrain begins)
All the an - gels in the heav - ens chant your
praise in end - less song! Ho - ly, ho - ly,
To refrain
ho - ly, God of pow - er and might.



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24
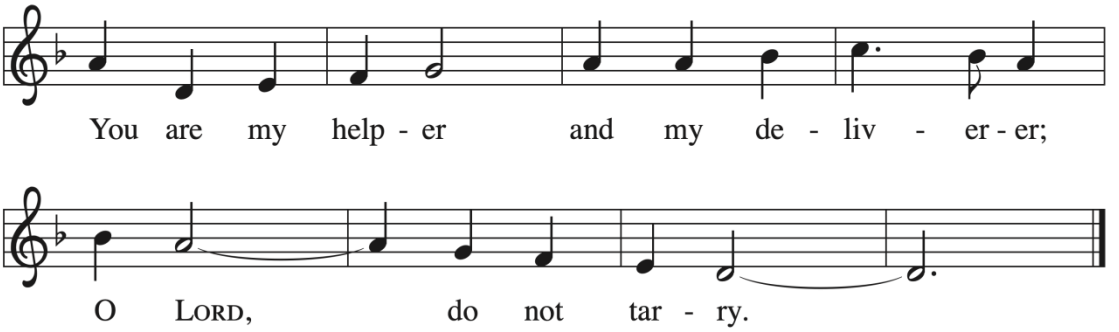
In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 70 *You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry. (Ps. 70:5)*



Psalm 70:5

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[1] Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O Lord, make | haste to help me.
[2] **Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced. R
[3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.
[4] **Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the Lord!"
[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, | do not tarry. **R**

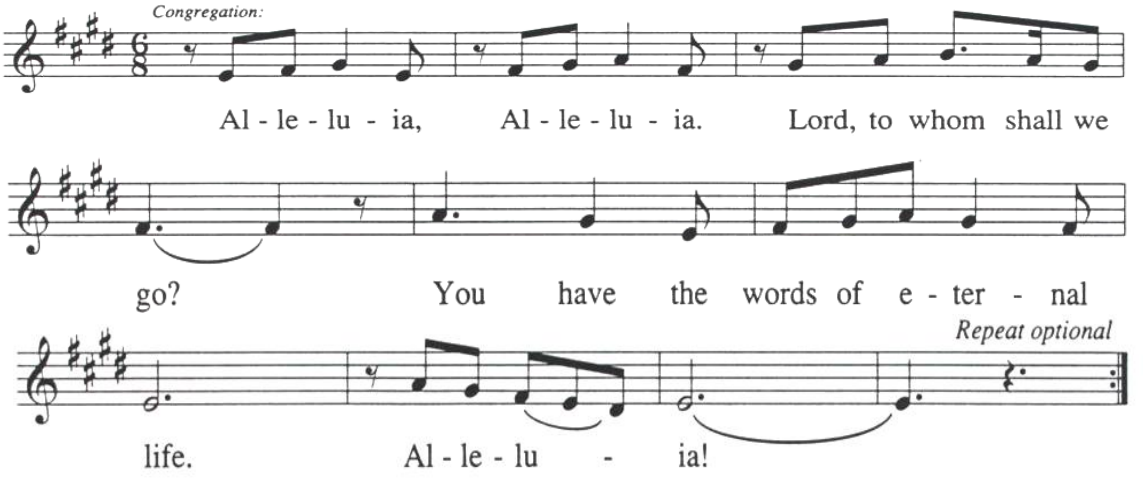
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ

[13] We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15] For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

A: The Word of God. The Word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to …
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P: The Word of God. The Word of life.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *Pastor Jeffrey Ewing*

Silence for reflection may follow.

A Prayer for Veteran's Day



From Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Prayer Book for the Armed Services

Eternal God, we give thanks for all those who have shown the greatest love by laying down their lives for others. We especially thank you for those in our military throughout history who have sacrificed their lives for their fellow citizens and for us who came after. As we remember their service, keep us mindful of all those for whom this day is a burden, and send your spirit of comfort to them. Be present with all the women and men who are serving in the military today. Let them live for the peace known only from you. Help us to be worthy of their legacy, and keep us mindful of their service, that in all things we may live our lives in praise and thanksgiving to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*HYMN OF THE DAY *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying* #436

*APOSTLES' CREED

Assistant: Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

Congregation: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,**
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

*SHARING THE PEACE

A: The peace of the Lord is with you always.
C: **And also with you.**
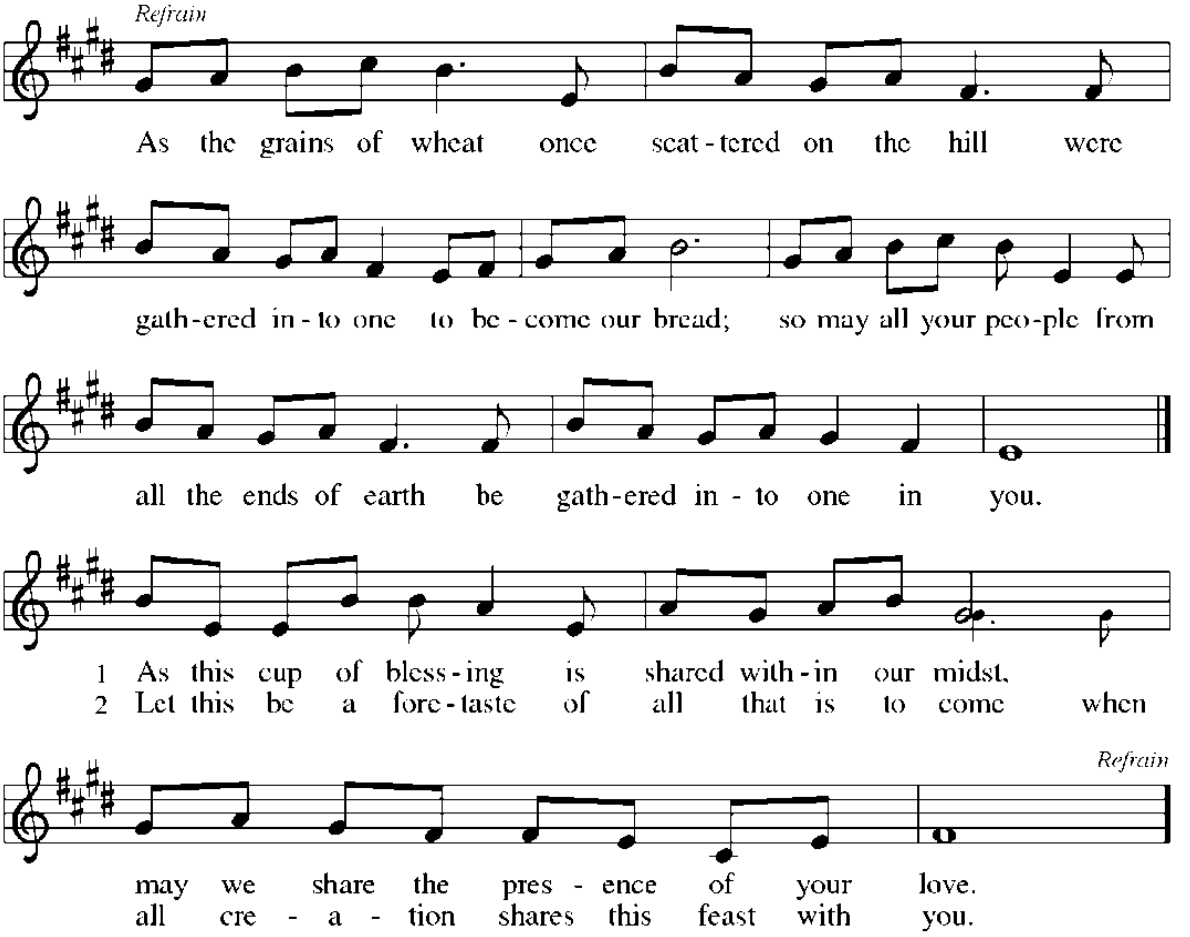
MEAL

OFFERING

An offering tray is available at the entrance of the sanctuary. For those wishing to do so, we encourage you to donate online at flcwarren.com/give. As always, thank you for supporting the work of bringing God's love to all people through First Lutheran!

OFFERTORY [8AM] ***It Is Well with My Soul*** Ron Loree
[11AM] ***Keep Your Lamps*** Andre Thomas
Senior Choir
John Kersey, conga drums
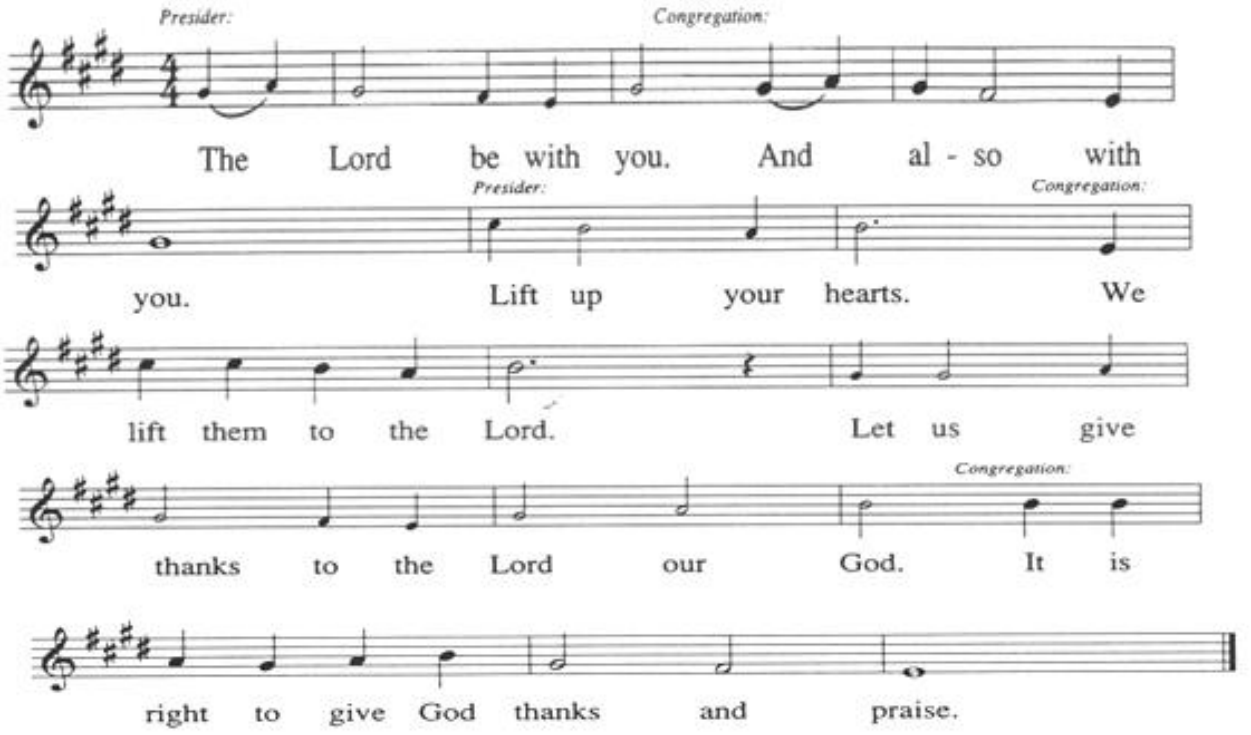
***AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT** *Sung by the congregation as the gifts are presented.*



***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

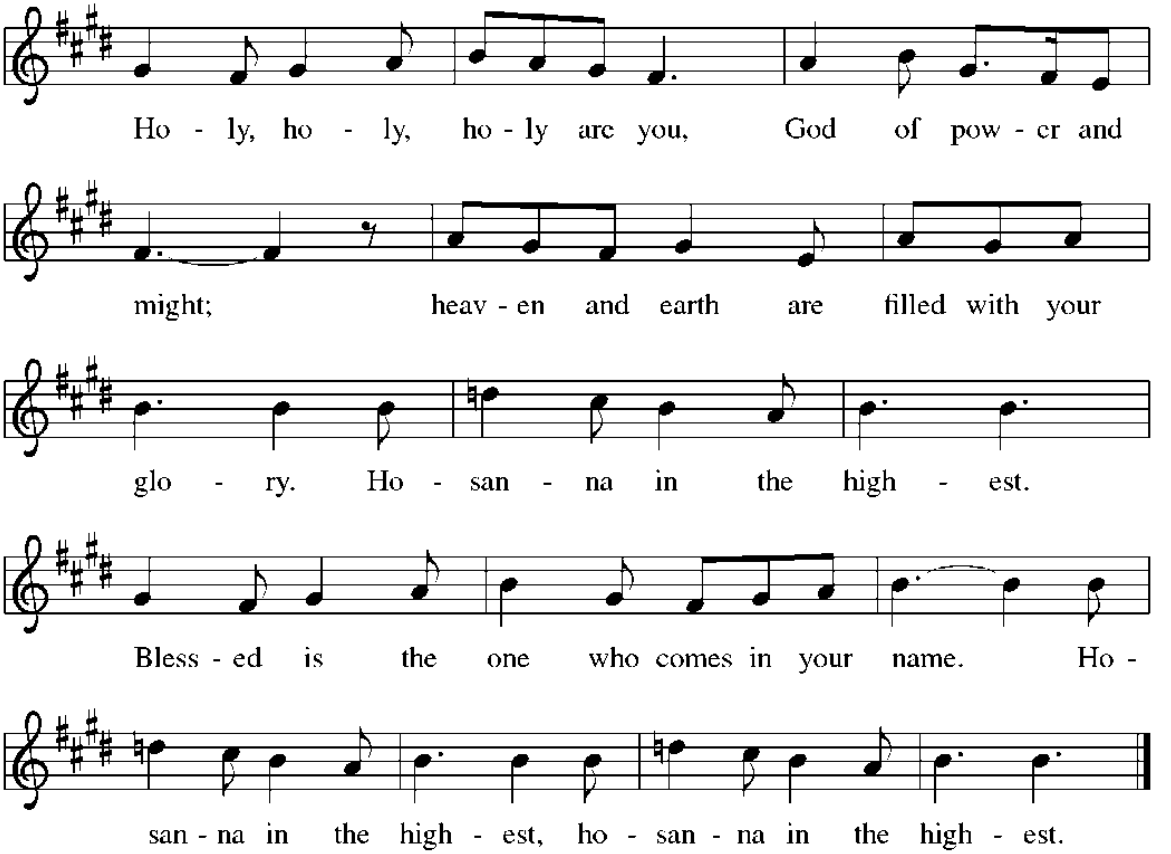
A: God of creation,
C: you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.
Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**



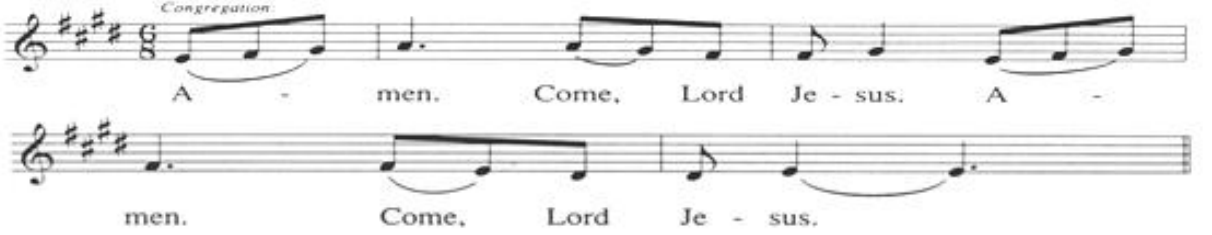
Presider: It is our duty and delight… we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**
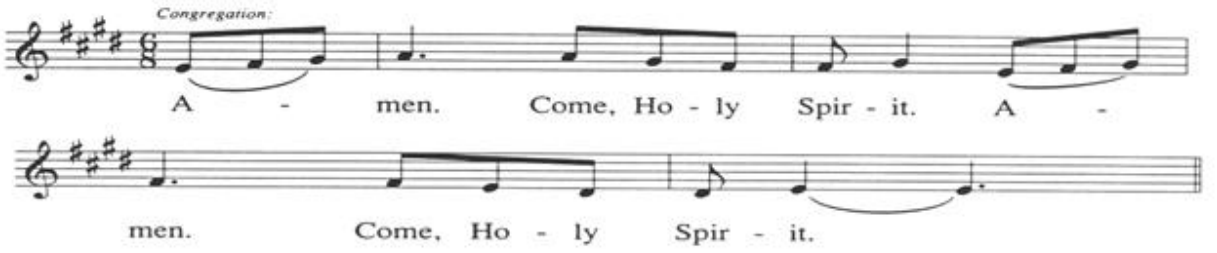


***EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 2**

Presider: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

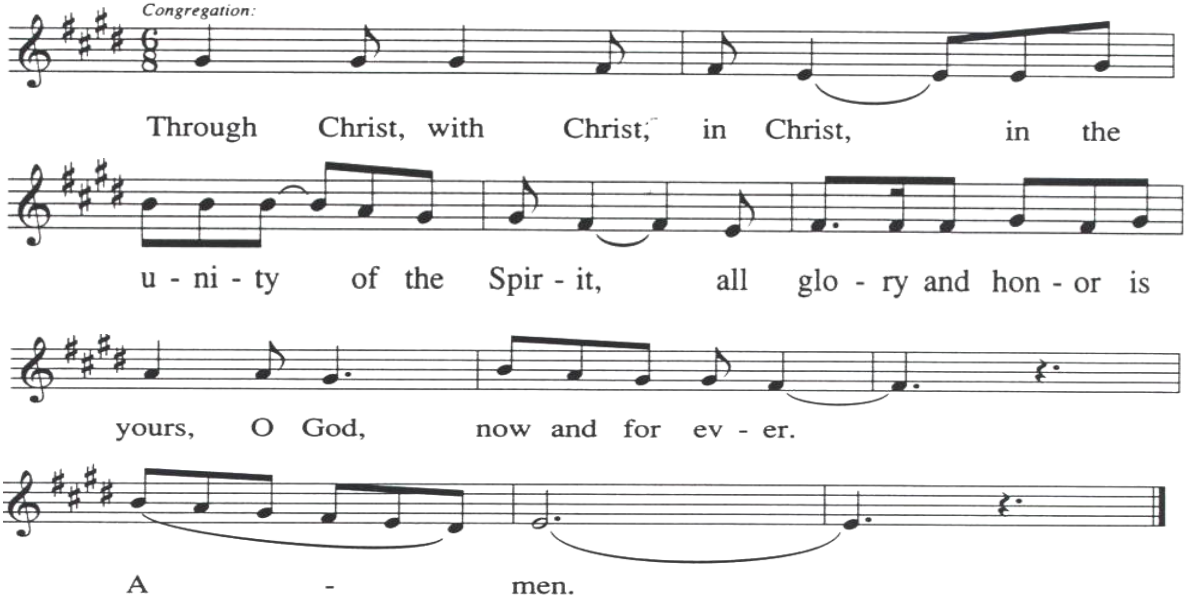


***EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 3**

Presider: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.



***THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST**



***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
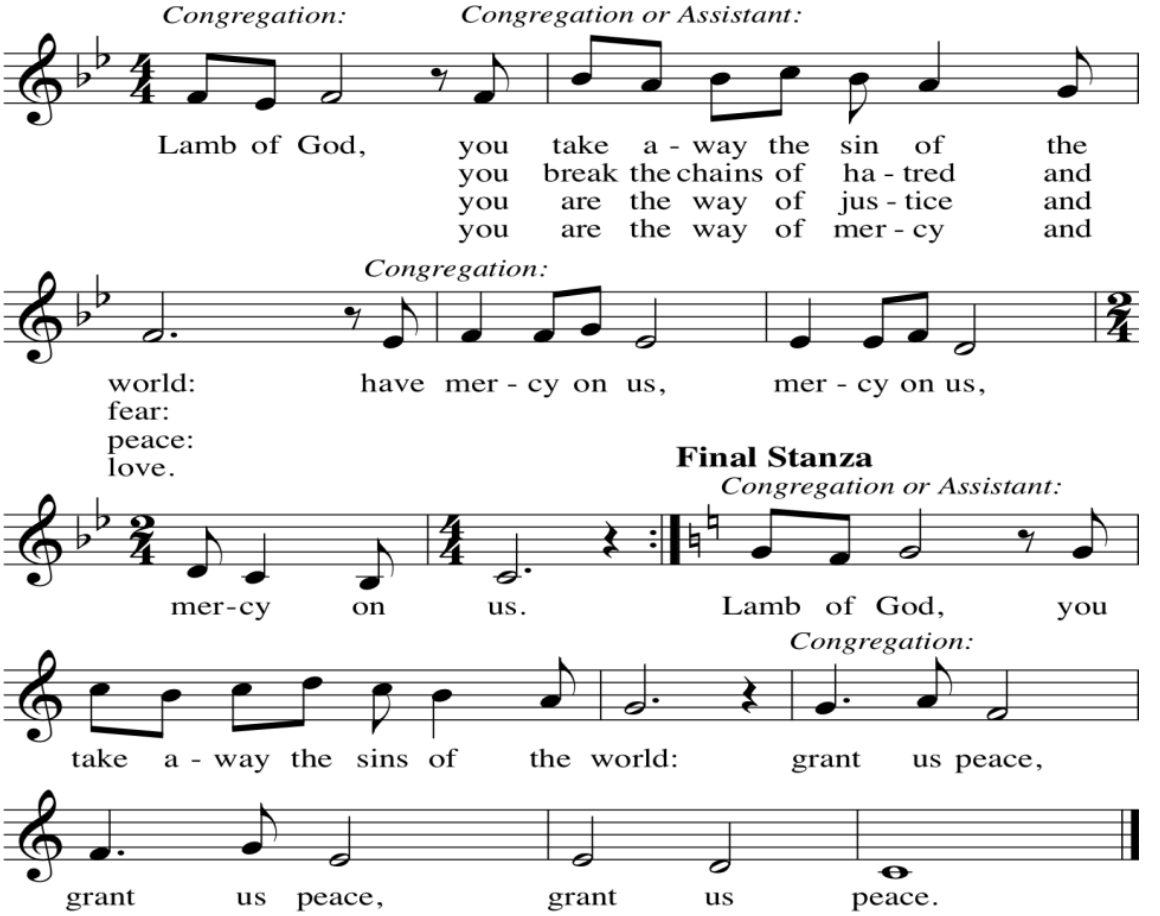
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

C: Thanks be to God!

LAMB OF GOD



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As Lutherans we believe that Jesus is present in the elements of communion, bringing forgiveness and new life to all who receive it The table is open to everyone, and the gift is always given, never taken. Simply make a cradle with your hand(s) as you receive the bread.

Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available from the ushers.

Bring them forward to be blessed by the pastor.

The response after receiving both the gift of bread and wine is ***"Amen."***
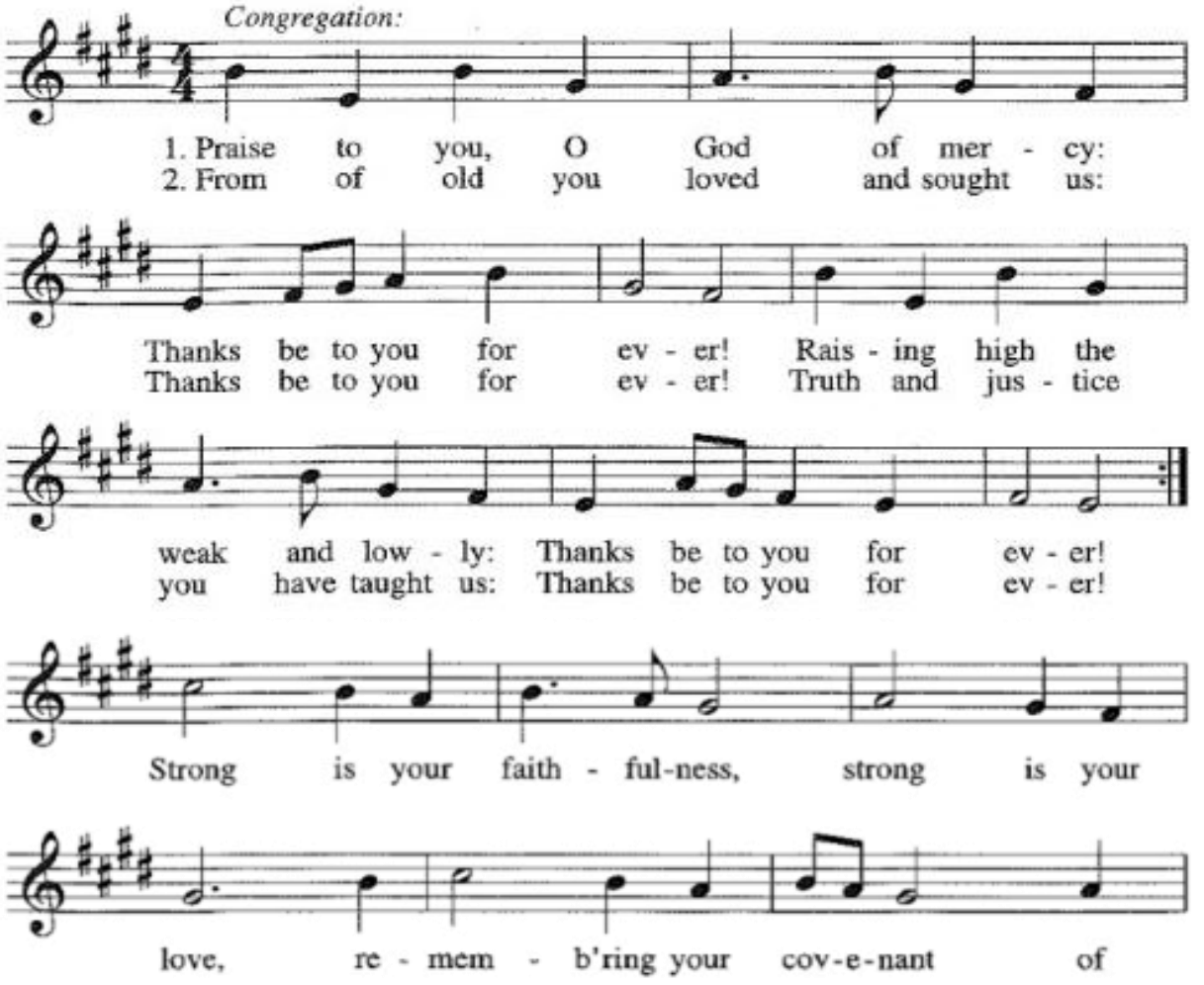
For those who would like to continue to celebrate in the pews, please let the usher know.
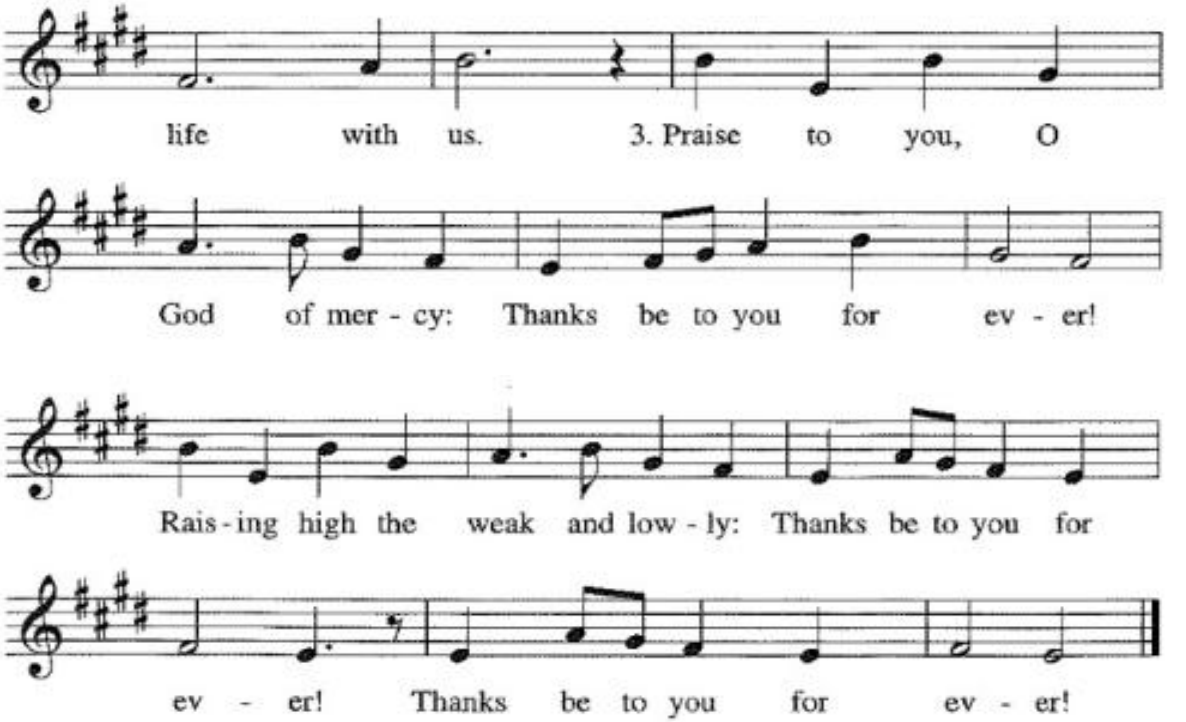
For our friends who are not celebrating communion,
simply fold your arms across your chest and receive a blessing.

COMMUNION MUSIC [11AM] ***When Peace Like a River*** #785
My Lord, What a Morning #438

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.
C: Amen.

***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**





***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Sustaining God,

C: with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

***BLESSING**

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.
Amen.
The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.
Amen.
The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

SENDING HYMN** ***Soon and Very Soon #439

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE ***Marching to Zion*** Gordon Young

Please feel free to exit during the postlude

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Today's Altar Flowers

Given by Cheryl Chapel in loving memory of Richard A. Chapel.

Given by Craig, Kris & Emily Whitaker in loving memory of Howard & Mary Johnson.

Serving Today	**November 8**	**November 15**
Cantor	*(8AM)* Anne Benson	John Beard
	(11AM) Brenda Hunter	Dave Campbell
Assisting Minister	*(8AM)* Don Reed	Kris Whitaker
	(11AM) Addy Landrio	Denise Pearson
Acolyte	*(8AM)* Jen Kersey	Jen Kersey
	(11AM) Allison Kellogg	Reagan Moore
Children's Message	Adri Hunt	Anna Bielawski
Digital Deacon	Denise Pearson	Denise Whipp
Counters	Steve Horsley	Dave Campbell
	Dave Campbell	Brenda Hunter



END OF YEAR REPORTS DUE- NOV 16
Please have all annual reports into the office by November 16. You can drop them in the *End of Year Report* folder in the office or email9 them to Jess at office@flcwarren.com

PRAYER LIST

Names will remain on the list for a period of three weeks.
Names may be returned to the prayer list by contacting the church office.
Please receive permission before submitting names to be included on the Prayer List.

Prayer Requests**:** *servicemen & women, especially Andrew Shodi, Swede Backhus, Adam & Ben Frederick, Shane Simpson, Curtis Royek, Ty Elmquist, Julie & Joey Gilman, Hunter Feeny, Kohl Feeny, Jordan Curtis, Erik Dippold*

The ongoing ministries of Warren Area Refugee Resettlement Network.

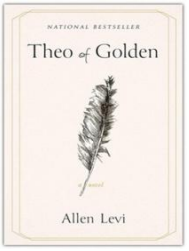
November 1: *Larry Rambish, Alyssa Dennewitz, Ron & Lois Hart, Connie Buerkle, Terry Pearson, Val & Nancy Condio, Brent Casey, Kristin Frick, Joel Nowacki, MaryBeth Nawrocki, Addy Landrio, Margie Campbell, Judith Melton, Mike Doty, Freyja Nordin, Penny Lester, Jeff White, Fred Grosse, Mike Massa, Rich Pring*

October 18: *Kim Tome, Holly Schubert, Bonnie Gray, Velma Zock, Janet Wilson, Sarah Downey, Jeff Bastow, Elaine Powers, Kia Lee, Betty Berdine, Vic Wolfe, Cara Smith, Joe Krall, Jerry Johnson, Mariah Nowacki, Barry Seastead, Maryann Long, Jim Rapp, Linda Philhower, Lori Lee, Roberta "Bobbi" Hessley, Sue Burke, Nicole Hall, Cody Fetzeck, Teri Granger, Jim Berkey, Dane Reed and family, Mary Donaldson*

October 11: *Christopher Smith, Brooke Benton, Annabelle Hartman, Carol Stone, Mike Madigan, Katie Silvey, Ralph Gallo, Cindy Hillard, John Morrissey, Chuck Merroth, Cathy Bertch*

Please contact the Church Office if you, a family member or someone from the parish is in the hospital. Help us help you when pastoral care is needed!

THEO OF GOLDEN DISCUSSION RESCHEDULED- NOVEMBER 17 @ 2PM



Join a discussion of the international best-selling book, *Theo of Golden*, by Allen Levi. Copies of the book were purchased through a Thrivent Action grant and are available for participants to borrow. They are located on a table in the narthex. Check one out and don't forget to return it so that others may read it, too.

Theo of Golden is the endearing story of a curious old man who quietly moves into a southern city and, for reasons unknown to anyone but himself, undertakes a campaign of anonymous generosity. Theo's love for people, combined with his fondness for books, art, birds, and story, unite in a colorful expression of outreach and affection. The old man, no stranger to sadness and loss, quickly becomes a welcome presence in the community but his new friends and neighbors wonder, who is Theo? And why is he here?

HOLIDAY HOT MEALS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers for the Thanksgiving Holiday Hot Meals Ministry. We are in need of meal prep workers and drivers. For descriptions of what is needed and when, sign up at emwc.net. Questions? Please call Denise Whipp at 814-730-0121

WORSHIP ASSISTANT TRAINING!



Looking for a way to serve in worship on Sunday mornings? We will host a training for worship assistants – past, present and future! – who would like to use their gifts in this ministry! We will have a workshop on Wednesday, November 11th at 6:30 and Sunday, November 22 at 9:30 a.m. so pastor Jeff can fill you in on responsibilities, setting the table, candlelighting (if needed), etc… Whether it's something completely new to you or you just want a reminder, we hope you will be able to make one of these workshops! Let Pastor Jeff know if you'll be coming.

FREE TRAINING
Autism 101 for Religious Communities
November 16 at 12PM

ASERT
Bringing autism resources together.

The PA Autism Services, Education, Resources, and Training (ASERT) team is hosting several webinars geared towards educating religious organizations on how to better understand Autism Spectrum Disorder and ideas on creating a more inclusive and welcoming environment for autistic individuals and their families. We will be hosting group participation in this webinar in Niewoehner Hall on November 16 from 12PM to 2PM. All are welcome to attend. Please sign up in the Narthex.
If you are unable to attend this day or would like to register on your own, please contact Jess at office@flcwarren.com . She will happy to send you the information on all the dates and times and how to register on your own.



Attention All Children…There is **NO SCHOOL** on November 11th because it is Parent/Teacher Conference Day. Well, guess what…Cheri will be having a day full of fun activities to do. It will be from 10AM-3PM upstairs in the Sunday's Cool Room and the Nursery. We will order pizza for lunch. Let the children come! Please sign up in the Narthex, to see how many helpers Cheri may need.

First Lutheran Church is PROUD to be a part of the Operation Christmas Child. Shoebox gifts are a great way to start or continue children's faith for millions of boys and girls. So, get a shoe box and follow the directions in the pamphlet (on the narthex table). ***Last day to return them is Sunday, November 22ND no later than 11AM.*** Operation Christmas Child is a great project. Just imagine the smiles on the children's faces when they receive their shoe boxes of gifts. Thank you to all the prayers and love that were put in the gifts! Any questions, please call Cheri (814)723-6450 or (814)688-0640.



Refrigerator Schedule

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETS
Monday, Wednesday, & Saturday at 6:30 PM

HP/Hansen Parlor; NH/Niewoehner Hall; OFH/Old Fellowship Hall,
YR/Youth Room, UC/Upstairs Classroom, SY/Sanctuary, CR/Choir Room
UCR/Upstairs Community Room, NX/Narthex, K/Kitchen, Y/Yard

Sunday, November 8	8:00 AM	**Communion Service** (SY)
	9:30 AM	**Sunday's Cool** (NH/UC)
	11:00 AM	**Communion Service** (SY)
Monday, November 9	1:00 PM	Mahjong (NH)
	3:30 PM	**Communion Class** (HP)
	6:00 PM	Silver Winds Flute Choir Rehearsal (SY)
Tuesday, November 10	11:00 AM	**Senior Fellowship** (SY/NX)
	1:30 PM	**Social Ministry** (NH)
	5:00 PM	Ukrainian Bible Study (YR)
	6:00 PM	ESOL (UC)
Wednesday, November 11		***VETERANS' DAY***
	10:00 AM	**Kid's Fun Time Event!** (NH)
	12:00 PM	**Bible Study** (NX)
	5:00 PM	Grief Yoga (OFH)
	5:15 PM	**Handbells** (SY)
	6:30 PM	**Worship Assistant Workshop** (SY)
	7:00 PM	**Choir** (CR/SY)
Thursday, November 12	10:00 AM	**Prayer Shawl** (HP)
	6:00 PM	**ESOL** (UC)
Sunday, November 15	8:00 AM	**Communion Service** (SY)
	9:30 AM	**Sunday's Cool** (NH/UC)
	11:00 AM	**Communion Service & Confirmation** (SY)
	1:00 PM	Allegheny Outdoor Club Dinner (NH)
	3:00 PM	Warren Players Christmas Cabaret Auditions (OFH)
	3:00 PM	The Allegheny Trio at Holy Redeemer Joan Eighmey, Cody Hiller, & James Pearson *The Music Debussy, Piazolla, & Mendelsshon*
	6:00 PM	**Losers** (UC)